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loyall Subjects, the Governour
and the Company late gone for
N E W - E N G L A N D ;

To the rest of their Brethren, in and of the
Church of *E N G L A N D*.

For the obtaining of their Prayers,
and the removall of suspitions, and mis-
constructions of their Intentions.



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of their Brethren in and of the
Church of ENGLAND.

Reverend FATHERS and BRETHREN:



He generall ru-
mour of this so-
lemne Enterprise,
wherin our selves
with others, through the pro-
vidence of the Almightye, are
ingaged, as it may spare us the

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labour of imparting our occasion unto you, so it gives us the more encouragement to strengthen our selves by the procurement of the prayers & blessings of the Lords faithfull Servants : For which end wee are bold to have recourse unto you, as those whom *God* hath placed nearest his throne of Mercy; which as it affords you the more opportunitie, so it imposeth the greater bond upon you to intercede for his people in all their straights, we beseech you therefore by the mercies of the LORD IESVS to consider us as your Brethren, standing in very great need of
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your helpe, and earnestly imploring it. And howsoever your charitie may have met with some occasion of discouragement through the misreport of our intentions, or through the disaffection, or indiscretion, of some of us, or rather, amongst us: for wee are not of those that dreame of perfection in this world; yet we desire you would be pleased to take notice of the principals, and body of our company, as those who esteeme it our honour, to call the *Church of England*, from whence wee rise, our deare Mother, and cannot part from our native Countrie,

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Country, where she specially resideth, without much sadness of heart, and many teares in our eyes, ever acknowledging that such hope and part as wee have obtained in the common salvation, we have received in her bosome, and suckt it from her breasts : wee leave it not therefore, as loathing that milk wherewith we were nourished there, but blessing God for the parentage and education, as members of the same body shall alwayes rejoyce in her good, and unfainedly grieve for any sorrow that shall ever betide her, and while we have breath, sincerely desire and
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indeavour the continuance & abundance of her welfare, with the enlargement of her bounds in the kingdome of CHRIST IESVS.

Be pleased therefore *Reverend* FATHERS & BRETHREN to helpe forward this worke now in hand; which if it prosper, you shall bee the more glorious, howsoever your judgment is with the LORD, and your reward with your GOD. It is an usuall and laudable exercise of your charity to commend to the prayers of your Congregations the necessities and straights of your private neighbours; Doe the
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cut of your owne bowels. VVe
conceive much hope that this
remembrance of us, if it be fre-
quent and fervent, will bee a
most prosperous gale in our
failes, and prouide such a pas-
sage and welcome for us, from
the G O D of the whole earth,
as both we which shall finde it,
and your selves, with the rest
of our friends, who shal heare
of it, shall be much enlarged to
bring in such daily returnes of
Thank-givings, as the special-
ties of his Providence and
Goodnes may justly challenge
at all our hands. You are not
ignorant, that the Spirit of
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GOD stirred up the Apostle *Paul* to make continuall mention of the Church of *Philippi* (which was a Colonie from *Rome*) let the same Spirit, we beseech you, put you in mind, that are the Lords remembrancers, to pray for us without ceasing (who are a weake Colony from yourselves) making continuall request for us to GOD in all your prayers.

What we intreat of you that are the Ministers of GOD, that we also crave at the hands of all the rest of our Brethren, that they would at no time forget us in their private solicitations at the throne of Grace.

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If any there be, who through want of cleare intelligence of our course, or tenderneſſe of affection towards us, cannot conceive ſo well of our way as we could deſire, we would intreat ſuch not to deſpiſe us, nor to deſert us in their prayers & affections, but to conſider rather, that they are ſo much the more bound to expreſſe the bowels of their compaſſion towards us, remembering alwaies that both Nature and Grace, doth ever binde us to relieve and reſcue with our utmoſt & ſpeedieſt power, ſuch as are deare unto us, when wee conceive them to be running uncomfortable

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comfortable hazards.

VVhat goodnes you shall extend to us in this or any other Christian kindnesse, wee your Brethren in CHRIST I E S V S shall labour to repay in what dutie wee are or shall be able to performe, promising so farre as God shall enable us to give him no rest on your behalves, wishing our heads and hearts may be as fountaines of teares for your everlasting welfare, when wee shall be in our poore Cottages in the wilderness, over-shadowed with the spirit of supplication, through the manifold necessities and tribulations which
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may not altogether unexpectedly, nor, we hope, unprofitably befall us. And so commending you to the grace of GOD in CHRIST, wee shall ever rest

Your assured Friends

From Yarmouth
aboord the *Arbella*
April 7. 1630.

and Brethren,

To: *Winthroe Gov.* *Rich: Saltonstall.*
Charles Fines. *Isaac Johnson.*

Tho: Dudley.
George Philipps. *William Coddington*
&c. *&c.*

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